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**DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE 11/2**

**SUBJECT: Control of Dissemination and Use of Intelligence  
and Intelligence Information**

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 1 (New Series, 15 September 1958), paragraph 2 (a) (5), and paragraph 5, and for the purpose of protecting intelligence, intelligence information, and intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, the following procedures are established to uniformly control the dissemination and use of intelligence and intelligence information.

1. The basic control for the safeguarding of classified information is established by Executive Order 10501. Section 7 (c) of Executive Order 10501 stipulates that defense information originating in a department or agency will not be disseminated outside another receiving agency without permission of the originating agency, except as provided in Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. In order, however, for the Intelligence Community to discharge its responsibilities more effectively, each member agency, through its central processing facility, may reproduce documents containing intelligence and intelligence information originally issued by another; and such information may be disclosed to other USIB agencies if the documents were otherwise generally made available to them.

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There are certain categories of documents which because of classification and markings may not be reproduced and disseminated under this provision. The Committee on Documentation of the USIB shall define for the Intelligence Community those categories of documents that are subject to this prohibition.

2. The policy of release of classified defense information to foreign governments is established by the Presidential Directive of 23 September 1958, "Basic Policy Governing the Release of Classified Defense Information to Foreign Governments." In accordance with the Presidential Directive, documents originating in another agency containing classified intelligence and intelligence information will not be disseminated by recipient departments or agencies to any foreign government without the consent of the originator.

3. The dissemination and use of intelligence and intelligence information will, at all times, be controlled by the policy of "need-to-know".

4. The standardization of the control stamps and the procedures set forth in this Directive are to be uniformly employed by all departments and agencies in the Intelligence Community thereby assuring like control and use of intelligence and intelligence information disseminated within the departments and agencies represented on the United States Intelligence Board. The substance of this Directive will be published in the appropriate regulation or notice media of each agency or department.

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5. PUBLIC RELEASE OF ~~CLASSIFIED~~ INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. Intelligence and intelligence information will not be released, either orally or in writing, to the public, including private individuals, groups, or organizations, unless there has been a clear determination by responsible authorities that such release would be in the security and intelligence interests of the United States.

(a) Where the intelligence or intelligence information to be released to the public has been originated by another agency or department, the releasing agency will obtain the permission of the originator prior to any release.

(b) Where the intelligence or intelligence information to be released to the public is a composite of intelligence and intelligence information contributed by various agencies and departments of the Intelligence Community or represents intelligence and intelligence information produced by the joint efforts of the Intelligence Community and in furtherance of a community intelligence project, the releasing agency will obtain the permission of the contributing agencies or departments prior to any release.

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(c) No public release will be made until the material to be released has been reviewed by the appropriate intelligence authorities for the specific purpose of ensuring that there will be no revelation of intelligence sources or methods.

(d) Any release not in accordance with the above requirements may be considered as an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence or intelligence information and may be the subject of an investigation or other appropriate action.

6. Whenever an originating department or agency deems it necessary to provide special controls for intelligence or intelligence information, either by virtue of the substance of the information itself and/or to provide additional protection to intelligence sources and methods, the appropriate control stamp or stamps will be placed upon the document. Any document disseminated within the Intelligence Community or outside the Intelligence Community and bearing one or more of the control stamps set forth in this Directive will be carefully controlled by all recipients in strict conformity with requirements and restrictions of this Directive.

*On all disclosures of info. per 10 in  
info. and the intent of the reqs. of this directive.*

7. In accordance with paragraph 6, the following control stamps will

be used for the marking of intelligence and intelligence information.

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~~INTELL/COM CONTROL~~

This marking stamp will normally be employed to control sensitive intelligence and intelligence information which because of (a) the substance of the information itself, and (b) the necessity to protect sensitive intelligence sources and methods, must be maintained within the professional staff of the Intelligence Community and the senior echelons of government in order to provide adequate protection and control of information.

**Document:** Dissemination of the document is limited to staff officials of the Intelligence Community, and to those higher echelons and their immediate supporting staffs of the departments and agencies represented on the USIB, who must necessarily deal with and act upon community intelligence. The document shall not be disseminated to consultants, reserve personnel on short-term, active duty, external projects, or personnel and organizations under a contractual relationship to the United States Government.

**Use:** The information may be used in finished intelligence without carrying over the control marking. If the information is quoted, extracted, or summarized in digests and summaries then the control marking shall carry over on the dissemination of such digests and summaries.

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**NO DISSEM ABROAD**

This marking will normally be employed in order to provide additional control and protection of the information by preventing its dissemination outside the States of the United States.

**Document:** The document shall not be disseminated outside the States of the United States.

**Use:** The information may be used in finished intelligence without carrying over the control marking. If the information is quoted, extracted, or summarized in digests and summaries then the control marking shall carry over on the dissemination of such digests and summaries.

**BACKGROUND USE ONLY**

Intelligence information which, because of its peculiar sensitivity, is not to be included in any intelligence document.

**Document:** The document may be disseminated within the U. S. Government only on a "need-to-know" basis.

**Use:** The information is not to be included in any other intelligence document or publication.

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**NOFORN (except FINTEL)**

The employment of this and the following stamp represents a pre-determination by the originator that the document is not releasable to foreign governments but that the information, under certain circumstances, may be released to an accredited official of a foreign government.

**Document:** The document shall not be disseminated to a foreign government.

**Use:** The information when paraphrased in finished intelligence in a manner which conceals the originating agency, the source, the place acquired, and any indication of the method of acquisition, may be released to an accredited official of a foreign government.

**NOFORN (except PUBTEL)**

**Document:** The document shall not be disseminated to a foreign government.

**Use:** The information when paraphrased in finished intelligence or in digests or summaries in a manner which conceals the originating agency or source may be released to an accredited official of a foreign government.

**NOTE:** Either of the NOFORN stamps may be modified to show a specific government or governments to whom exclusive release is permitted,

e.g., NOFORN

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8. Any recipient agency or department desiring to use, quote, extract, summarize, or disseminate a document in a manner not permitted by the limitation of the control stamp, must obtain the permission of the originating agency. Permission from the originating agency to utilize, in whole or part, any intelligence or intelligence information in a manner other than specified by the control markings applies only to the specific purpose of the requestor and does not automatically apply to all recipients of the information as originally disseminated, unless the originating agency removes the control marking for the benefit of all recipients.

9. Any questions with respect to the dissemination and use of a document bearing a control marking will be referred to the originating agency.

10. These control markings and procedures do not supersede nor affect the special controls for the dissemination and use of special and atomic intelligence nor do they affect special indicators utilized by the various departments and agencies for established distribution of material. In addition, these markings and procedures do not affect other control measures established by the various departments and agencies for information subject to laws concerning copyright, libel, slander, and communications, nor other information which for moral, ethical, or legal reasons must be protected by other control measures.

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11. Classified Intelligence Contractors: Classified intelligence and intelligence information, including classified intelligence equipment, devices or apparatus, bearing a defense classification of Secret or below and not carrying restrictive markings or stamps may be released to Classified Intelligence Contractors for the purpose of carrying out the contractual mission without the permission of the originating agency. The Committee on Documentation of the USIB shall define for the Intelligence Community, restrictions and guide lines for these permissive releases and also those categories of documents that are prohibited for release.